

REMARKS

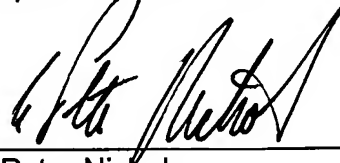
The claims were rejected as being anticipated or obvious in view of Wilkins and Luebke. Certain claims have been canceled (1, 2, 4, 5, 7-10) and certain claims have been amended (15, 16, 26, 27). For example, claims 15 and 16 now require that "the object sensor has a planar surface that is parallel to the portion of at least one of the housing or the power supply end". Wilkins does not teach or suggest such a structure. In fact, the object sensor of Wilkins is in the structure 2, which is abutting the work surface. Such a structure certainly does not teach providing a removable object sensor having a planar surface that is parallel to the portion of at least one of the housing or the power supply end on which the object sensor is attached. Therefore, the rejection of these claims should be withdrawn.

Claims 3 and 6 were indicated as being allowable if they were amended to incorporate the features of the claims from which they depend. These claims have been amended in this fashion (although the term bulls-eye has been removed since it is superfluous) and thus are allowable.

With respect to claim 11, the Examiner rejected it as being obvious in view of either Wilkins and Luebke or Luebke and Wilkins. Each proposed combination does not teach or suggest the presently claimed device, which requires "a removably attachable portion releasably attachable to the battery, the removably attachable portion having an object sensor and a level". Neither reference alone teaches such a structure; thus, together they cannot teach such a structure. Therefore, the rejection should be withdrawn.

It is believed that all the claims are allowable and Applicants request notification to that effect. If, for any reason, the Examiner feels that the above amendments and remarks do not put the claims in condition for allowance, the undersigned attorney can be reached at (312) 321-4276 to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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